

SWARCer News

April 06, 2015



Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.

NC QSO PARTY Results

South Wake placed 5th overall in the NC QSO Party beating out RARS the sponsoring club.

In State Clubs		Final	Total	NC	US/VE	Bonus	Bonus	Bonus	
Call	QTH	Score	QSOs	CNTY	DX	Calls	CNTY	Total	Name
NC4AR	ALL	114,518	539	64	42	150	100	250	Tri County ARC
K4WC	CAB	114,488	483	68	50	200	100	500	Cabarrus ARS
W4BFB	MEC	107,204	494	63	45	200	100	500	Andy Hawkins
W4AMC	PIT	70,438	382	49	43	50	100	150	Brightleaf ARC/ E Campbell
N4SWC	WAK	67,174	338	64	35	150	100	250	South Wake ARC
W4YK	HEN	60,552	328	56	36	100	100	200	Blue Ridge ARC
W4CQ	MEC	52,006	283	59	32	200	100	500	Charlotte ARC/J Crisco
NC4OC	ONS	41,584	249	52	31	200	50	250	Onslow ARC
N4RAL	CHA	18,066	131	55	13	150	100	250	Raleigh ARS/J WHITE
K4OGB	STA	5,604	64	19	24	100	0	100	Stanly ARC
N8ICS	ROC	2,072	34	27	2	50	50	100	Rockingham/G Brown

Congratulation to all who participated. Also I want to point out that the main operators of the club station were new operators or those that had not made any HF contacts in a very long time. Also again a special THANK YOU to Mike, KD4OKR for the use of his radio and other equipment.

SWARC General Meeting Minutes April 2015

Meeting called to order by Mike, KD4OKR at 7:02

1. Introductions
2. Treasurer's Report: \$2,852.31
3. Membership Report: 98 Members
4. Special Events: Kenn, KK4OSI gave an update of Public Service opportunities. Details are available online.
5. Raffle Ticket Status: we have sold 89 of the 200 tickets for the Antenna Analyzer. We need to push for the finish by Field Day!

6. RARSfest: Good showing, lots of fun and hanging out at the SWARC tables.

7. Club Station Update: Several members met to kick around the idea of establishing a club station at the American Legion Post in Fuquay. There was strong support, so KD4OKR pitched the idea to the Legion executive committee last Thursday. Positive support for working with SWARC was received and they want to work through the details. Also supportive of moving SWARC meeting when the schedule permits it for both groups. Legion would like some financial assistance with a propane gas tank filling, as SWARC is able, and would like to see new members join the Legion. Likewise, we would like to see Legion members join SWARC.

- a. MOTION: Dave, NW3U, made a motion for SWARC Directors to move forward in establishing a club station in cooperation with the American Legion Post 116. Second by Shep, K4OKI. Passed Unanimously.

- b. MOTION: Kenn, KK4OSI, made a motion to make a \$600 donation to the Legion to be used towards the Legion's propane bill, or other need, as a thank you for their support over the past five years. Steve, KA0GMY, seconded. Passed Unanimously.

8. Our May meeting will be an auction. June meeting will be elections.
9. Field day will be held at the American Legion. Dave, NW3U, is the chairman.

Meeting closed at 7:27

Presentation: Skywarn Training by NC4VA and the National Weather Service Team.

Respectfully submitted by KK4TTU

MAY AUCTION

Start looking around your shack for that unused equipment. We will be holding the club auction in May and this will be a great time to clean out that well experienced equipment. I understand this will be a full contact auction so come prepared.

June

This is election time. Be thinking about who can lead us into the future and uphold the standard set by KD4OKR.



Club News and World (LOCAL) Events

Hi everyone as the new editor of the club newsletter I want everyone to know what to expect. I am hoping to have the newsletter out the first weekend after the club meeting. So if you have information you want included then I will need it that weekend. If you take part in a special event the write it up and submit it along with some pictures. We will be happy to include your articles. If you would like to write about something going on in the club (good or bad) we will be happy to include your article. Please remember this is your newsletter and your contributions are appreciated. Please send your contributions to :

ka0gmy@bellsouth.net

Treasury Report

Balance as of 04-06-2015: \$2,852.31

Membership Report

*Members as of 04-06-2015: 98 paid
members*

Public Service

Please keep an eye out for upcoming reports of public service events happening in our area. In the mean time please check out the web page for these events.

WWW.SOUTHWAKEARC.COM

Net Reports

Nets held every night at 7:30 pm.

*Traders Net on the 1st and 3rd
Tuesday*

*Tech Net on the 2nd and 4th
Tuesday*



Club News and World (local) Events

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President

Mike Ramsey -
KD4OKR

Vice President

Kenn Kubacki -
KK4OSI

Secretary

Bryan Ramsey –
KK4TTU

Treasurer

Christy
Fernandini -
KJ4AEO

Member-At-Large

Federico
Llubares –
KK4HAQ

Member-At-Large

Marvin Friel –
KK4TTL

Member-At-Large

Bobby Chandler –
N4RDC

Membership

Chair

Glenn Crissman ,
N4AZR

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Net Manager

Adrian Peele -
AJ4NX

Special Events

Director

Gino Fernandini -
KI4YXO

Public Service

Director

Charles Galloway -
W4DBI

NETS

The following
nets take place
on the
145.21Mhz
(82.5 Hz)K4ITL
"Blackjack"
Repeater.

Nightly 2m Rag Chew Net

Every night at
at 7:30pm

South Wake ARC Traders Net

The 1st and 3rd
Tuesday night
of each month
immediately
following the
Nightly 2m Rag
Chew Net.

South Wake ARC Tech Net

The 2nd and 4th
Tuesday night
immediately
following the Nightly
2m Rag Chew Net

Net Control Operators

Sunday

KENN, KK4OSI

Monday

Adrian, AJ4NX

Tuesday

Steve, KA0GMY

Wednesday

Jim, K9RII

Thursday

Kenny, KJ4CVK

Friday

Mark, NC4MP

Saturday

Julie, KT4JR

Scenes from our meeting



Mike, KD4OKR once again pre-tending he is in charge.

*We had a house full
this meeting including
Miss Virginia, NC4VA*



*A house full and then some. No-
tice Kenny, KJ4CVK in the
bright orange t-shirt. I think we
need to start calling him skittles.*

*Once again it was great seeing
such a good turn out.*



Miss Julie's,KT4JR and "Uncle" Lary's,NC4LR Antenna install



Setting center plate on blue bucket and adding spreaders



These are fairly big.. Miss Julie looking on with the helpers and so on. The antenna is 20+ feet across.. so it needs a nice wide spot..



Getting ready for the wire work.

Looking down on finished antenna.



All pictures submitted by Bill, KK4QDZ who also was the assistant supervisor after Miss Julie of course.

South Wake ARC Club Station Update

All -

Things are moving forward very smoothly. Here is a brief update and overview of what I see as the next steps for us to move forward. Please keep in mind that this is very fluid and is just the beginning of a relationship that is new to both organizations.

The American Legion Post 116 (the Post) is used to creating their own groups for things. They sometimes work with other entities, but the closest thing similar to the relationship we are entering into with them is the Post's sponsoring of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. The Scouts are independent of the Post, but receive a lot of benefit from the Post for meetings and events.

For this, the Post wants to receive the recognition of being the first Post with an Amateur Radio Club with operational facilities. There is an Amateur Radio club and station at national headquarters of the American Legion, so they won't be first in the nation, but first in the state is something to boast about. And this Post likes to boast about the good things. There is already a link on the Post website (alpost116nc.org) for TALARC (The American Legion Amateur Radio Club) which is the national name. They want to use that space for the partnership details with SWARC, when available. Clearly, they are excited and supportive.

Here is the hardest part: Figure out how to help the Post get the recognition they want without losing the SWARC identity. They want an American Legion Amateur Radio Club for bragging rights and they are providing the facilities. SWARC has a wider audience and is bringing the true essence of the hobby and the hardware. I think we can meet everyone's needs, but it will take planning, effort, and communication. Perhaps something along the lines of "The Post 116 ARC is comprised of Legion members and, through the South Wake Amateur Radio Club, maintains a club station at the Post." The exact wording needs to be worked out, but this is a big marketing deal for them, but I want to make sure that SWARC membership doesn't feel taken over.

We are building a SWARC club station that is owned and operated under SWARC management. We are not building a Legion club on the back of SWARC. We are not creating a second club to compete against SWARC. SWARC membership is open to the public, while the Legion has federally legislated restrictions on membership. It makes sense that SWARC be the primary club so that we can appeal to the widest possible audience for membership and participation.

From the SWARC perspective, I'm going to form a Club Station Committee (CSC) to take on the following:

1. Identify the technical needs of the station and manage the assets.
2. N4SWC callsign trustee is KA0GMY, but we need to establish authorized control operators, their qualifications, station activation practices, and operational practices specific to the club station.
3. Work with the Legion in developing a Memorandum of Partnership and Understanding that protects the club's goals and interests.

From the Legion perspective, I'm going to pursue the following:

1. Make a motion to the Post Executive Committee (PEC) to designate the Post IT Committee, which I chair, to be the responsible liaison with the South Wake ARC in the development of a club station. From there, I can create a radio sub-committee to accomplish the next two items.
2. Develop and submit to the PEC a constitution and by-laws for an American Legion Post 116 Amateur Radio Club (Post ARC)
3. Develop and submit a Memorandum of Partnership and Understanding between SWARC and American Legion Post 116 Amateur Radio Club that will clearly define and document roles, responsibilities, and mutual benefits of the partnership.
4. Dissolve the radio sub-committee and have the Post ARC to be the responsible liaison with SWARC

Again, the primary roles of the Post ARC will be to encourage Legion members to explore the hobby and to manage and grow the relationship between the Legion and SWARC to the mutual benefit of both organizations.

Club Station Committee: KD4OKR, KA0GMY, and W4TAR. We need to have at least several more members. Please let me know if you are interested in serving on this. You will need to be willing to help create the documentation and processes, researching online for how other club stations meet FCC regulations and requirements, have an understanding of building out a quality operational station, and be willing to meet in person a couple of times to work out the details.

Post 116 Radio Sub-committee: Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR), Kenn Kubacki (KK4OSI), Greg Gabry (N9PPG). Greg is a SWARC member and is also the District Commander (several Posts report up through to the District). This group of Legion members will draft and submit required documents for the Legion and be the initial interface between Legion and SWARC to develop the foundation of the relationship going forward. Going forward, will need additional FCC licensed Legion members to be the liaison between the two groups.

As stated up front, this is very fluid. We have a lot of good will on both sides that want to make this work for everyone's benefit. Please let me know if you'd like to assist in making this happen.

Thanks for all that you do for SWARC and our community through your service.

73

+mike

KD4OKR